Wednesday, *the* *28th July 1943* / *12th Karkadagam 1118*

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at half past Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble President (A. F. W. DIXON ESQ., C.I.E., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur, (Commissioner of Police) and Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, C. Kunhan Nambudiripad, and T. P. Poulose were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Chalakkudi River—Bunding of *(cont.)*

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Regarding the Chalakkudi diversion scheme, there is a great apprehension in the minds of the people living on all sides of the river that as a result of this scheme there will be no water in the months of Meenam and Medam.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That apprehension is totally unfounded. It is not our intention to divert water from the Chalakkudi river during the dry season of the year. It is only meant for the cultivation of the Virippu and Mundakan crops. So there will be no deficiency in the quantity of water, which will be running out of the stream after the month of Dhanu or Makaram. No water is proposed to be diverted outside the anicut during the dry season.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* How many crops do you expect to raise?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Two crops—Virippu and Mundakan.

MODEL DEMONSTRATION FARMS—MAINTENANCE OF

12. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Will the Government be pleased to state whether Government will consider the advisability of maintaining a model demonstration farm in every agricultural centre ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Mintster for Rural Development):* This subject had come previously in the Advisory Committee meeting, and finally it was resolved that more demonstrations may be made in agricultural centres. The Agricultural Department is continuing such demonstrations in several agricultural centres.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* May I point out to the Minister that my question has not been answered. If I may make my point clear, the idea is to have demonstration farms in all agricultural centres under men who can advise by example and precept.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The answer is there. The question of opening more demonstration farms in Taluks in different centres was considered by the Advisory Board and it was decided to continue the present demonstrations. Demonstration farm means expert officers there to conduct these demonstrations. That will be duplicating the machinery. There is one central Farm at Ollukkara and another at Vyttila. To have demonstration farms like these at least on a miniature scale in the different taluks I think it will involve much additional expenditure.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Has the Hon'ble Minister tried to work out a scheme and calculated as to how much it will cost. I do not mean working of a 400 acre farm. I mean only a 10 acre farm.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The decision of the Advisory Board was otherwise.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Hon'ble Minister go into the question again ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The Hon'ble Member is also a member of the Advisory Board. He can send up a resolution.

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Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: May I take it that the Hon'ble Minister will act up to the decisions of the Board.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: All decisisns will be scrutinised by the Government and if it is a practical proposition, Government is here to carry out such practical propositions.

TENANCY ACT REVISION COMMITTEE—EZHUVAS REPRESENTATION IN THE COMMITTEE

13. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted an article by Mr. T. C. Gopalan in Malayalam in the weekly "Sahodaran" published on the 5th June 1943 drawing their attention of their not nominating any Ezhuva Lawyer Member of the Legislative Council in the recently appointed Tenancy Act Revision Investigation Committee ;

(*b*) whether the Government has reconsidered their position and are going to nominate one of the Lawyer Members representing any one of the Ezhuva Constituencies of the Council considering the importance of Ezhuvas both as actual cultivators and also as Kanam Tenants in the State ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is too late now to reconstitute the Committee.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: I do not want to reconstitute the committee. It is enough if a lawyer member from that community also is included in that committee. Will the Government consider that point ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: We will note that point and consider.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether by answer (*b*) Government is conceding the necessity of having an Ezhuva lawyer member in the Committee ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: The question is "Whether the Government has reconsidered their position and are going to nominate one of the lawyer members representing any one of the Ezhuva constituencies of the Council considering the importance of the Ezhuvas both as actual cultivators and also as kanam tenants in the State. The answer is "It is too late now to reconstitute the committee"

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Secretary to the Government has already answered. He said that the matter will be considered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am trying to point out that the answer "That it is a matter of opinion" does not follow from this. By the answer "It is too late now to reconstitute the Committee" are not the Government conceding the position that a lawyer member of the Ezhuva Community is a necessary factor in that committee ? Do the Government go to that extent is the question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Government's position is that as representation have been made to them they will consider the matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Is there any particular provision regarding particular communities in the Tenancy Act ? Is there any provision there, any provision that as far as Ezhuva communities are concerned the law will be worked out in a particular fashion, that as far as Ezhuthassan community is concerned it will be worked out in another fashion ?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*: The answer is obviously "No".

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know whether there are any Romo Syrians in that Committee? Are there not cultivators and kanam tenants from that community also?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I would like to know whether there is an Ezhuthassan lawyer in the Committee.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Is there a donkey lawyer in that Committee ?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur)*: Will the Government be pleased to nominate the Hon'ble Member for planters when they appoint a committee of bullocks ?

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